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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: LAYER ARRANGED ON IMPLANT FOR

BONE OR TISSUE STRUCTURE, SUCH AN IMPLANT, AND A METHOD FOR

APPLICATION OF THE LAYER

## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

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Dear Madam:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 23, 2009, in the abovecaptioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present extra
Total	13	20	0
Independent	2	3	0